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SUBJECT: AFRICA IN THE U.S. PRESS, DECEMBER 3, 1976

1. NEW YORK TIMES:

--HENRY KAMM REPORTS FROM GENEVA THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WHITE GOVERNMENT IN RHODESIA HAVE TERMED BLACK NATIONALIST PROPOSALS, "STRANGE AND ESOTERIC." IN AN EFFORT TO GET THE STALLED CONFERENCE MOVING, BRITAIN INDICATED DURING YESTERDAY'S SESSION THAT IT MIGHT BE WILLING TO INVOLVE ITSELF IN RHODESIAN AFFAIRS TO THE POINT OF NAMING AN OFFICIAL TO ACT IN A CAPACITY SIMILAR TO THAT OF A COLONIAL GOVERNOR GENERAL FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD.

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-- JOHN BURNS REPORTS THAT A LONG AND CONTROVERSIAL TRIAL ENDED IN JOHANNESBURG IN THE ACQUITTAL OF FOUR STUDENT LEADERS AND A UNIVERSITY LECTURER - ALL WHITE - ACCUSED OF CONSPIRING TO PROMOTE THE AIMS OF TWO BANNED GROUPS, THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS. ATTENTION IS NOW ON THE TRIAL OF A GROUP OF SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS ORGANIZATION STUDENTS.

-- THE TIMES CARRIES A UPI REPORT OF THE RIOTS IN GUGULETU.

-- REUTERS REPORTS THAT CONGRESSMAN DIGGS SAID IN MASERU THAT HE SUPPORTED THE PRESENCE OF CUBAN TROOPS IN ANGOLA. "THEY ARE TRAINING THE INDIGENOUS ARMED FORCES, WORKING IN HOSPITALS AND DOING MANY OTHER THINGS," DIGGS SAID AT THE CLOSED SESSION OF THE AAI CONFERENCE.

-- AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE REPORTS THAT HUNDREDS OF ARMED VILLAGERS IN THE NORTHEASTERN NIGERIA STATE OF BORNO RIOTED LAST WEEKEND TO DEMAND A SEPARATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL.

2. WASHINGTON POST:

-- ACCORDING TO AN AP REPORT, HUNDREDS OF ARMED POLICE SWEEPED THROUGH THE RIOT-TORN TOWNSHIP OF GUGULETU NEAR CAPETOWN, ARRESTING YOUTHS SUSPECTED OF ARSON AND LOOTING DURING TWO NIGHTS OF UNREST. IN RELATED DEVELOPMENTS, BLACK NATIONALIST GUERRILLAS BLEW UP RHODESIA'S RAIL LINK WITH ZAMBIA. MEANWHILE, BLACK NATIONALIST GUERRILLA LEADERS, INCLUDING SOME OF THE MOST WANTED MEN IN RHODESIA, ARRIVED IN GENEVA TO BOLSTER MUGABE'S DELEGATION. THEIR ARRIVAL COINCIDED WITH THE SECOND FULL SESSION TO DISCUSS THE STRUCTURE OF AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT.

-- ANOTHER IDI AMIN STORY...UPI REPORTS THAT AMIN HAS SAID HE LOVES CARTER, WANTS GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. AND IS PREPARED TO BE KING OF BOTH SCOTLAND AND AMERICA IF THE PEOPLE "WANT ME." KISSINGER

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